

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, 14-18, 20-25 and 27-29 are amended herein.

Claims 2, 7, 11-13, 26, 30 and 32 are cancelled.

All pending claims are produced below.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of providing combined search results on a client device, the method comprising:

generating and storing in a memory of the client device a local index of articles associated with at least one of a user or the client device, each article having an article type from a plurality of article types;

~~executing on the client device a search query on a local index having a data store about content local to at least one of a user initiating the search query and a client device from which the search query is initiated~~ the local index to produce a first result set of articles relevant to the search query;

~~receiving a first result set from the local index, the first result set relevant to the search query;~~

receiving on the client device from a remote search system a second result set from a search of a global index, the second result set relevant to the search query; ~~and~~

~~combining the first result set with the second result set to create a combined result set;~~

generating on the client device a user interface based on user selection of article types to be displayed, the user interface including a combined display of the first result set and the second result set; and

displaying the first and second result sets to the user in the generated user interface of the client device.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~2~~, wherein ~~receiving the search query~~ executing on the client device a search query further comprises intercepting a search query input at the client device directed to the global index the remote search system.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ranking the combined display of the result sets ~~set~~.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the combined display of the result sets ~~set~~ comprises a merged result set.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~combined result content display user interface window~~ is comprised of comprising a first section for displaying the first result set and a second section for displaying the second result set.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~combining the first result set with the second result set to create a combined result sets~~ generating on the client device a user interface including a combined display of the first result set and the second result set comprises:

identifying a first article identifier in the first result set; and
replacing a second article identifier in the second result set with the first article
identifier.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein executing on the client device ~~receiving~~ the search query comprises receiving the search query in a proxy server.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein executing on the client device ~~receiving~~ the search query comprises receiving the search query in a browser plug-in.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1~~ ~~13~~, wherein at least one of the local indices comprises a database storing a plurality of pregenerated results for a plurality of search queries ~~comprises a pre-generated result set.~~

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the article type is local
~~index comprises a list of~~ text-based files.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the article type is local
~~index comprises an~~ email application.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the article type is local
~~index comprises~~ message text derived from a chat application.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of providing combined search results on a client device, the method comprising:

generating and storing in a memory of the client device a local index of articles

associated with at least one of a user or the client device, each article having

an article type from a plurality of article types;

identifying a global query directed against a global index to a remote search system

comprising a global index;

~~initiating a local query against a local index having a data store about content local to~~

~~at least one of a user initiating the global query and a client device from which~~

~~the global query is initiated against the local query based at least in part on the global query;~~
~~identifying a response from the global index;~~
~~receiving a response from the local index; and~~
~~creating a combined display based at least in part on the response from the global index and the response from the local index~~
executing on the client device a local query on the local index, wherein the local query is based at least in part on the global query, the local query producing a first result set of articles relevant to the local query;
receiving on the client device from the remote search system a second result set from the global query of the global index;
generating on the client device a user interface based on user selection of article types to be displayed, the user interface including a combined display of the first result set and the second result set; and
displaying the combined display of the result sets in the generated user interface.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the local query and the global query occur in parallel.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, further comprising ignoring the result set response from the local index if the result set response from the local index is not received within a predetermined time after the result set response from the global index is received.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein creating a combined display of the result sets based at least in part on the result set response from the global index and the result set response from the local index comprises modifying the result set response from the global index.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein creating a combined display of the result sets based at least in part on the result set response from the global index and the result set response from the local index comprises creating a new display, wherein the result set response from the local index and the result set response from the global index are contained in separate sections.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein creating a combined display of the result sets based at least in part on the result set response from the global index and the result set response from the local index comprises creating a new display combining the result set response from the local index and the response from the global index.

24. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium on which is encoded program code for providing combined search results on a client device, the program code comprising:
program code for generating and storing in a memory of the client device a local
index of articles associated with at least one of a user or the client device, each
article having an article type from a plurality of article types;

program code for executing on the client device a search query on a the local index to
produce a first result set of articles relevant to the search query~~having a data-~~
~~store about content local to at least one of a user initiating the search query~~
~~and a client device from which the search query is initiated;~~
program code for receiving a first result set from the local index, the first result set
relevant to the search query;
program code for receiving on the client device from a remote search system a second
result set from a search of a global index, the second result set relevant to the
search query; ~~and~~
program code for combining the first result set with the second result set to create a
combined result set;
program code for generating on the client device a user interface based on user
selection of article types to be displayed, the user interface including a
combined display of the first result set and the second result set; and
program code for displaying the first and second result sets to the user in the
generated user interface.

25. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, further
comprising program code for ranking the combined display of the result sets ~~set~~.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein program code for ~~combining the first result set with the second result set to create a combined result set~~ generating on the client device a user interface including a combined display of the first result set and the second result set comprises:

program code for identifying a first article identifier in the first result set; and
program code for replacing a second article identifier in the second result set with the first article identifier.

28. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein program code for executing ~~receiving~~ the search query comprises program code for receiving the search query in a proxy server.

29. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein program code for executing ~~receiving~~ the search query comprises program code for receiving the search query in a browser plug-in.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the local index is not publicly accessible.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the article type is an audio file.
34. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the article type is a video file.
35. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the article type is a Portable Document File (PDF).
36. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the article type is a web page comprised of markup language.
37. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising generating on the client device the user interface based upon user-supplied display format parameters.
38. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the article type is text-based files.
39. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the article type is email.
40. (New) The method of claim 18 wherein the article type is message text derived from a chat application.
41. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the article type is an audio file.

42. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the article type is a video file.
43. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the article type is a Portable Document File (PDF).
44. (New) The method of claim 18, further comprising generating on the client device the user interface based upon user-supplied display format parameters.
45. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein the article type is text-based files.
46. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein the article type is email.
47. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein the article type is message text derived from a chat application.
48. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein the article type is an audio file.

49. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein the article type is a video file.

50. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein the article type is a Portable Document File (PDF).

51. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, further comprising program code for generating on the client device the user interface based upon user-supplied display format parameters.